



YE EDITORS' PAGE

Dear Gang:

How'd you like to see a couple of excited editors dancing a jig of glee. There's not room among the ink bottles and paste pots to turn cartwheels as we'd like to do, BUT we'll bet that you'll roll off a few when you see what's coming up in the next issue of BLUE BOLT.

Here's the dope! Every comic magazine editor is always on his toes—like "Diogenes searching for an honest man" (ask your pa about that one)—trying to find something new and different for his magazine; something that has a punch like a champion heavyweigh?'s right; something that the readers will go for in a great big way. Well pals and gals, we've found it and we're starting packing that punch right into the next issue of BLUE BOLT.

BLUE BOLT'S going to bring you what we believe to be the most exciting and interesting true story that has ever appeared in a comic magazine. It's the thrilling, blood tingling American adventures of one of Uncle Sam's fightin'est aviator nephews, Lt. Clarence E. Dickinson, United States Navy (now Lt. Com.), and his Scouting Squadron 6 at the battles of Pearl Harbor, the Marshall Islands, Wake and Midway Islands.

Lt. Com. Dickinson, an Annapolis man, has been awarded the Navy Cross with two gold stars—the same as three Navy crosses—and an air medal for heroism. It would be hard to find a better fitted man to tell this exciting story of our Pacific battle lines because of Dickinson's photographic eye for detail and his vivid memory. His collaboration with Boyden Sparkes, his own uncle, produces a smash story hit that almost any editor would jump to grab.

Several of Dickinson's pals in Scouting Squadron 6 were killed at Pearl Harbor and the other battles in which the Squadron took part. That is why his story bears the title, "I FLY FOR VENGEANCE", and vengeance with a capital V is just what he exacts from those yellow sons of Nippon. The same story was recently published (and was probably read by your Mothers and Dads) in an outstanding national magazine. The same story, but under the title "Flying Guns," is also published in book form by Charles Scribner's Sons, so you can see that BLUE BOLT is really scooping the comic magazine field with some "big time" material for you.

In fact, the editors will bet their hats that "I Fly For Vengeance" will be the number one story, bar none, on your list of comic hits. The 'ole swimmin' hole, the baseball diamond, etc., will probably take second place in your affections until you have finished each installment of this flying fighter's adventures and have felt yourself flying in spirit with him as he opens up with his "fifties" and makes another Jap join "not-so-honorable ancestors."

Now here's the pay-off. If you like this story the way we think you will, the editors have more of its kind hot on the griddle, real live American heroes in true World War II action, truth that's more exciting than any fiction. It's history, sure, but in its easiest to learn form, because this is history almost as fast as it is being made and directly affecting all Americans today.

O.Keh, gang, this is the stuff you've been asking for, and if you'll pardon a weak pun, the editors are giving it to you with a "Vengeance."

Cordially,
THE EDITORS

P. S. We have a bunch of swell letters from you that we intended to put on this page this month, but we'll have to save them until the next issue because we thought you'd be more interested now in hearing the good news about how your requests for a better BLUE BOLT are being answered.

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SIMBA READS ...

"DEAR SIMBA: UNDOUBTEDLY
YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO
HEAR FROM ME-YOUR STEPSISTER, JEAN KARNO. I AM
IN A QUANDRY OVER A
MYSTERIOUS MATTER THAT
WILL INTEREST YOU. I NEED
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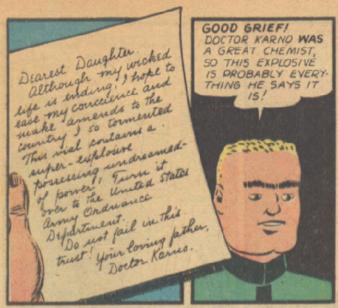




























































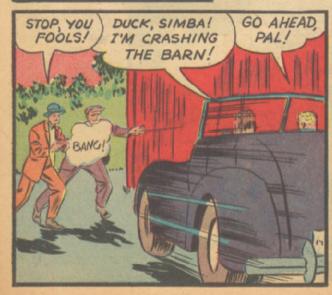


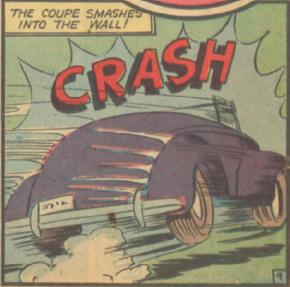


























THINGS LOOK
BAD FOR DICK
AND JEAN —
BUT WHO CAN
TELL?
THE NEXT ISSUE
OF BLUE BOLT
WILL HOLD THE
CONCLUDING
INSTALMENT
OF
"DOCTOR KARNOS
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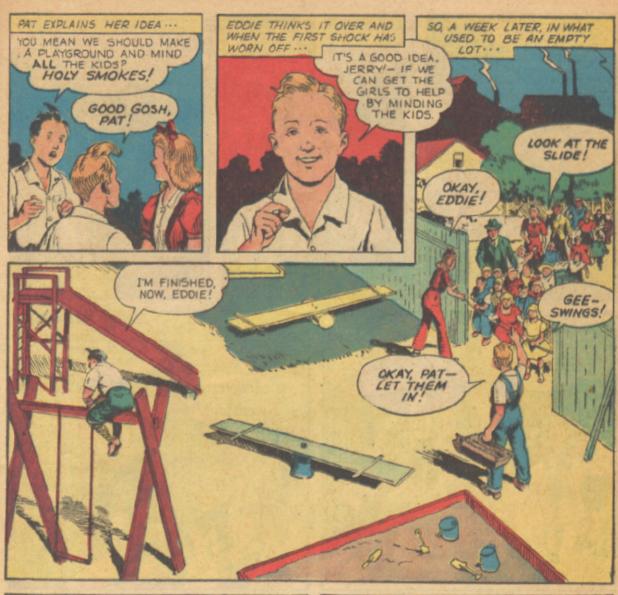




















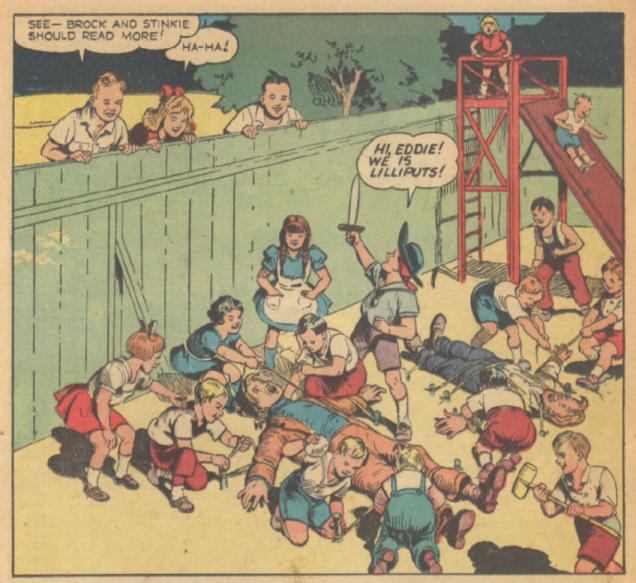










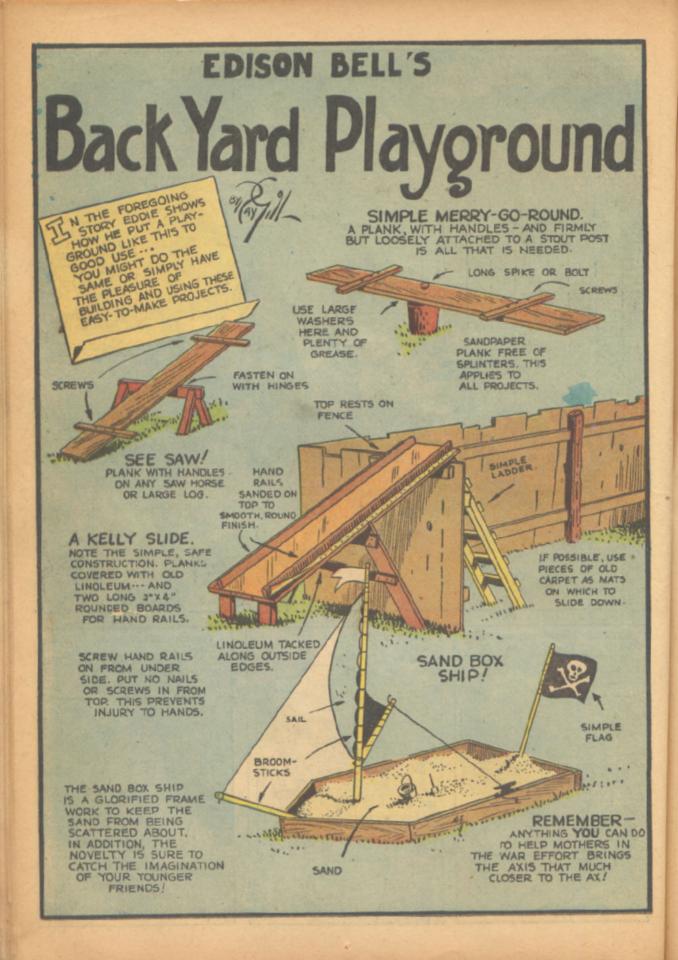




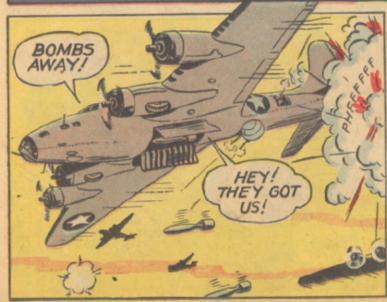




EDISON BELL WILL BE BACK IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLUE BOLT COMICS WITH ANOTHER GOOD IDEA FOR HIS "WIN THE WAR" CAMPAIGN!













WE HAVEN'T MUCH OF A
CHANCE - WE'RE LOSING
FIVE HUNDRED FEET A
MINUTE, BUT WE CAN TAKE
SOME OF THEM WITH US!





































THE GREAT CHANGE, Charlie realized, had come neither too late nor too soon to save him the abject humiliation of getting up in front of the crowd next week and doing his stuff. Next week was the play. And Charlie's voice had been playing dirty tricks. Squeaky tricks that suddenly turned basso. It was . . . awful. . . .

"Hi, sweetie-pie!" a voice hailed which went falsetto then mock basso, followed by a chorus of amused laughter. "Had your singing lesson yet? Hear you're going soprano this year—"

Charlie pulled off to the side and turned. Down the walk he saw his tormentors, the same ones who had been pestering him ever since the change had set in.

"I'll push the teeth down the throat of the guy who said that," Charlie threatened. Think it's funny—"

"It is funny, Charlie," one of the boys admitted, a wide grin making freckles wriggle across a stubby nose. "You haven't got a sense of humor, that's all!"

"Humor!" Charlie snapped.
"If it was the other way around—"

"We'd go into the movies. Or on the radio."

Again laughter, burst out and Charlie pulled himself together. "Scram, burns," he growled, carefully keeping his voice under control. "I don't want to be bo- "Charlie shut the words

off. He telt it coming and buttoned up his lips.

"There he goes again!" someone chuckled. "Hit it, Charlie---"

Charlie turned on his heel. He was burned up. But a guy had to remember that they were his pals... Usually. They meant it in fun but sometimes even pals forgot themselves and rubbed it in. Sense of humor, eh? Charlie headed home.

There was rehearsal tonight. Charlie's parents didn't let him forget it, although he'd tried to for days now,

"You're to go to the hall tonight," Charlie's mother reminded him at supper. "It's only next week, you know and—"

Dad said, "You may have stage-fright---"

"If I'm there!"

Mrs. Lane said, "I won't let you back out because of some silly affliction—"

"Silly! Afflic —" Charlie's voice hit a hither-to unknown high and Charlie cut the words off half way up the scale. Hot color ran up into his face again and his father chuckled. Charlie burst out, "If you people don't—" His voice bassoed with dignity and Charlie beat it. He'd just reached desert too; breadpudding with plenty of raisins and nutmeg. . . .

REHEARSAL WAS a dismal operation. Charlie hung back till Miss Crandall called. "Char-

lie. This is where you make your entrance—"

"Exit, you mean,"- Charlie muttered. "I'm out-"

"Out!" Miss Crandall's cajoling smile slipped into its place. "You can't—"

"No?" Charlie snapped. "You don't kn——" He cut it off as he felt the thing about to happen. He backed up behind the wings, aware of the laughter that swept the little group scattered over the stage. Well, they weren't making a sap out of him. He blurted. "I'd be the laughing stock—"

"Nonsense." Miss Crandall snapped and Charlie could see her struggling to keep her face straight when his voice-box kinked and warbled. "No one will notice. Go over your lines. Charlie. You can't let me down. What would I do?"

"I'm no actor-"

"Don't kid yourself!" a voice out of the little group said "Take a listen to yourself sometime, Charlie."

Charlie stuck to his guns although he received more than one broadside during the next few days. It was pretty tough. His mother stormed and threatened, his father tried to look serious and bubbled over behind the sanctity of his paper.

The much dreaded night rolled around and Mom announced.
"Just dress up, young man, and march right down there with us. If you think you're getting off scott free—"

Charlie groaned. "Do I have to go?"

Charlie went to the benefit. Before long he realized that the whole thing was a flop. Half the audience was made up of soldiers from the nearby post. They were bored.

Charlie glanced around. All about him soldiers were fidgeting in their seats restlessly, whispering among themselves; the majority paid no attention. The whole thing was an abject debaucle. Charlie felt sorry. . . .

Between a case of stage fright and forgotten lines, Pete Cramer had just added the finishing touches. The curtain went down. Only spasmodic applause greeted the appearance of the sweating star.

CHARLIE NEVER quite knew why he did it. He felt sorry for the soldiers who were actually sorry enough for themselves. He got up with a mumbled excuse that he wanted a drink, then made his way back stage where Miss Crandall was working herself into a lather trying to get Pete Cramer straightened out. "You've got to do better, Peter!" Miss Crandall protested. She was, Charlie saw, on the verge of fits. Charlie chuckled. Miss Crandall saw him and cried, "Charlie. . .!"

She almost hugged him. And Charlie was torn by doubt. He was a sap, a simpleton! What had ever possessed him to do this? Those soldiers....

"I'll take over," Charlie announced, his voice bordering the cracking point. He warded Miss Crandall off dexteriously. "Have a heart—"

"You're going to do it?" Miss Crandall cried. "Charlie--"

Someone yelled, "You're on!"

It was, Charlie recalled, scene three. The last . . . in more ways than one. His knees were doing stunts that didn't make the standing secure. He had a moment of panic. Then he was facing the people in the big auditorium. For a split second there was silence, then a ripple of applause that caught more as it went along and sent Charlie's heart hammering like sixty.

Charlie tried to forget the audience. He faced across the stage, assuming nonchalance as Vivian Wright came out opposite. Vivian took a look and her look of benign indifference was swept instantly aside. Color stole into her cheeks and her eyes widened with amusement and amazement...

Somewhere in back a cat-call rang out. Someone whistled. "Hi, sweetie-pie—"

Charlie faced his heckler. He recognized the voice and lifted his own to make himself heard. "I'll see you after school tomorrow. When I—" Charlie's voice bassoed, then started up sharply.

Amusement was mirrored on the faces of the people in the audience. Bert Clayton, the orchestra leader asked, "Where's that mezzo-soprano you had last night, Charlie?"

"None of your darn—" Charlie stopped. His voice did it again and once more laughter swept the crowd. For a moment he hesitated, glaring out at them noting that the soldiers, were laughing too, getting a kick out of him!

"Charlie," Bert called. "Some of the boys were telling me today that you..."

"It's a lie!" Charlie snapped.
"You listen to m—" He stopped.
It was too late. His voice sored beautifully hitting another unknown note. It rang out through the other sounds of the hall and Charlie himself marvelled that the human voice could attain such a level. It was . . . aweinspiring. When it wasn't a pain the neck—

Bert Clayton didn't let up. Charlie came back at him and his answers went sky-larking only to drop to deep basso. Then he discovered that he had some control over the crazy gyrations. He noted the grinning, laughing soldiers. He hesitated....

"I've got a little poem," Charlie managed to announce. He felt hot and sweaty but determined. He looked at Bert. Charlie asked, "How about sound effects—"

"You're all the sound effects you need!"

Charlie glowered, plunged. "The Village Miss stood on the green, down street she spied her lover."

"She cried aloud—" Charlie's voice hit high C. Applause buried several lines; then, "—he hurried swiftly toward her and, despite her warts, her freckled nose, he vowed he'd always love her!"

"For, the war had come, the girls had gone, he knew there was no other!"

"She called his name—"
Charlie's voice achieved new
grandeur as it rose once more.
The response was tremendous.
There was no let-up.

The poem was over. The Village Miss was obliterated under the confusion of noise and there wasn't a chance for even a guy with a . . . soprano voice. He couldn't conclude his bratnchild so he beat a retreat. A hasty one!

"YOU SAVED the show,"
Dad conceded next morning
when Charlie took his place uneasily at the breakfast table.
"You were swell. You...
wowed 'em!"

Charlie poured milk over his cereal. "I'm still going to settle with a couple of guys," he grumbled carefully. "After what they called me—"

"Mezzo-soprano?"

"Worse," Charlie complained.
"They said I didn't have a sense
of humor! Imagine."

The End.



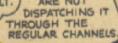
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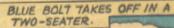
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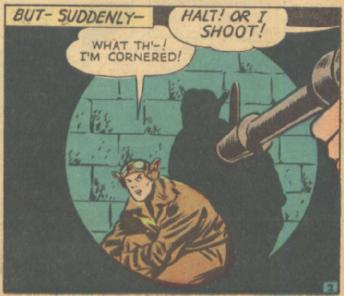
































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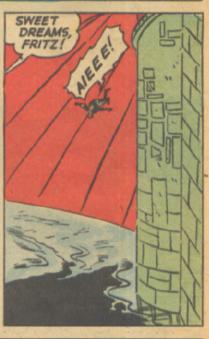


























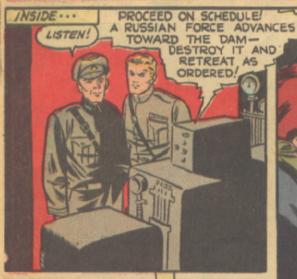














































































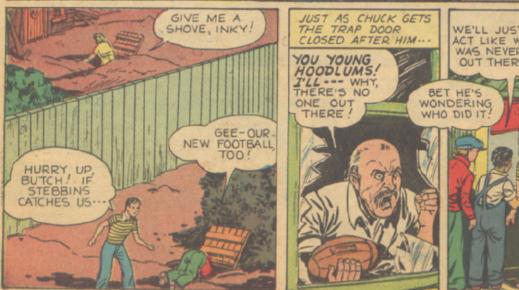






WE HOPE KRISKO AND JASPER TAKE TIME OFF FROM NEW ADVENTURES TO STOP IN AND SEE US. BUT, ANYHOW, WE CAN ALWAYS SEE KRISKO AND JASPER IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLUE BOLT.





WE'LL JUST ACT LIKE WE WAS NEVER OUT THERE AND WE'LL ACT AS THOUGH WE NEVER HAD THE FOOT BALL DONT LIKE IT





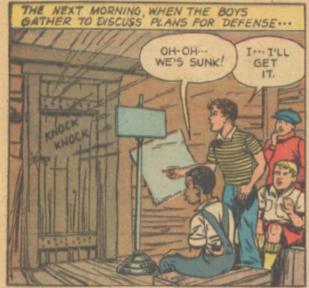






































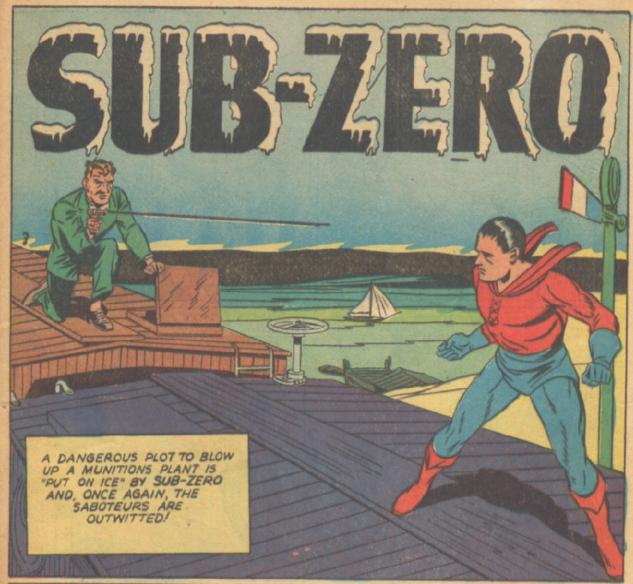
































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JA, AND IT'S TOO LATE TO
STOP US! WE'RE
ON THE SIDING
NOW- IN ONE
MINUTE THIS
TRAIN WILL SMASH
INTO A STALLED
BOX CAR...

















WE WONDER HOW FARMER
FREEZUM IS MAKING OUT.
WELL, THE NEXT
"SUE OF BLUE BOLT
WILL BE ON THE
STANDS IN
A MONTH.

STAMP COLLECTING

By Eugene L. Pollock

NORWAY'S FREE ISLAND

Ever since the greatest war in history began in 1939 there have been many articles in magazines and newspapers and on the radio about the North, Central and South American colonies of the European nations. Much of the writing has been about the possessions of defeated France, while the lands of the British and Dutch have also had their share of the limelight. Nowhere, however, has there



May of Falkland and Bonvet Islands

been much, if anything, about Norway's island colony in the South Atlantic Ocean, three hundred miles off the coast of South America.

The only Western Hemisphere possession of Norway is called Bouvet Island. It is very small in area, with but two villages inhabited by seal fishers and sheep herders. Until 1928

Bouvet Island belonged to the British-owned Falkland Islands, but was ceded, or given, to the Norwegians as a token of England's friendship. This gift was more than repaid when the brave people of Norway resisted Nazi occupation of their country in 1940 with everything they had. Today the ships of the Norwegian navy and men of the army are fighting alongside the fleets and armies of the United Nations.

Hundreds of miles to the south of still free Bouvet Island is Peter I Island, too near the South Pole for even the hardy Norwegians to colonize Both areas, as with Norway's other possessions near the

European mainland, use the postage stamps of the paramajstant mother country. Until the war broke out a ship arrived at Bouvet Island but four times a year. It brought mail and manufactured articles in exchange for whale oil. sealskin and wool. Now that Norway is temporarily in enemy hands, Bouvet Islanders rarely see a ship except for the United Nations' naval patrol.



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The Falkland Islands themselves have attracted the eyes of many nations. They were discovered in 1592 by a little-known British explorer, but went unclaimed until sailors from a passing Dutch ship landed to obtain drinking water. The flag of the Netherlands was unfurled and the ground declared the property of the Crown. But no attempt was made to colonize the territory. To this day some Dutch maps are still in use showing the islands as a Netherlands colonial possession.

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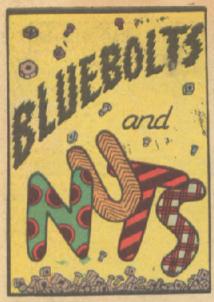
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